(b) and (c) It will be known only when the group constituted by the Planning Committee of the National Capital Region Planning Board submits its report.

Non-payment to the Contractors by DDA

1153. SHRI RAM NARESH KUSHAWAHA :
SHRIMATI RENUKA CHOUDHURY :

Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that work on all the major housing and development projects of the Delhi Development Authority have come to a standstill due to non-payment to the contractors engaged on the projects ;

(b) if so, what are the details thereof, and the reasons therefor ;

(c) the total amount payable to the contractors till date ; and

(d) the steps contemplated by Government in this regard ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT (SHRI DALBIR SINGH) : (a) No, Sir.

(b) to (d) The Government is not aware of the hold up of DDA's projects on account of non-payment to the contractors. The total amount payable to the contractors has been called for from the DDA and will be placed on the Table of the House.

Allotment of Land in Gurgaon, Haryana

1154. SHRI SATYA PRAKASH MALAVIYA : Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state :

(a) whether the Central Government are aware that the State Government of Haryana have permitted certain Delhi colonisers to set up residential colonies on abou 4000 acres of rural land in Gurgaon and that the area to be developed falls within the National Capital Region; and

(b) if so, what are the details thereof and the reaction of the Central Government with regard thereto?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT (SHRI DALBIR SINGH) : (a) and (b) The information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.

Fire in Bokaro Steel Plant

1155. SHRI RAJNI RANJAN SAHU :
SHRI KRISHNA KUMAR BIRLA :
SHRI GURUDAS DAS GUPTA :
SHRI K. VASUDEVA PANICKER :

Will the Minister of STEEL AND MINES be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that a major fire broke out in the captive power plant of the Bokaro Steel plant on 10th July, 1986 ;

(b) if so, what were the causes of the fire ;

(c) what are the particulars of equipments destroyed in the fire and the loss sustained as a result thereof ;

(d) whether sabotage is suspected in this matter ; and

(e) whether any inquiry has been ordered into the incident and so, what are the results thereof ?

THE MINISTER OF STEEL AND MINES (SHRI K.C. PANT): (a) to (e) A fire broke out in the early hours of 11th July, 1986, in the Captive Power Plant of the Bokaro Steel Plant. Survey showed that there was

damage to the relay room. Control panels, cables and air-conditioning and ventilation systems. The extent of loss is being assessed and the exact loss will be known only after the assesment is completed. An Enquiry, Committee, under the Chairmanship of Member (Thermal), Central Electricity Authority, has been constituted to enquire into the incident. The Committee is expected to submit its report within the shortest possible time.

Demands of Daily Wage Workers in D.D.A.

1156. SHRI MURLIDHAR CHANDRAKANT BHANDARE :
SHRI MAHENDRA PRASAD :
SHRI DHULESHWAR MEENA :

Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state :

(a) what action has so far been taken to carry out the assurances given by the then Vice-Chairman, Delhi Development Authority, to the Class IV daily wage earners who had been on hunger strike in April-May, this year, particularly relating to their demand that regular clerks, posts be given to those graduates and post graduates who having been appointed on daily wage as beldars/khalasis, had actually been working as clerks against regular posts since pre-Asiad days ;

(b) what are the rules, if any, governing, such cases ; and

(c) whether in view of the fact that these graduates/postgraduates have actually been working as clerks against regular posts for over three years, the Delhi Development Authority (DDA) has agreed or is considering to give part of the vacancies of clerks to them:

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT (SHRI DALBIR SINGH) : (a) and (c) DDA proposes to fill up the vacant posts of LDCs by holding a typing test for all its eligible and class IV work Charged and Muster Roll employees.

(b) As per Recruitment Rules for the posts of LDCs, 75 per cent of the posts are to be filled up by direct recruitment, 15 per cent by promotion from Class IV officials subject to test, and 10 percent by promotion from class IV officials on seniority-cum-fitness basis.

Measures to Augment Foodgrains Production

1157. SHRI RAOOF VALIULLAH : Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state the measures taken by Government to augment food production in 1986-87?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE AND COOPERATION (SHRI YOGENDRA MAKWANA): The following measures are contemplated by the Government to augment food production in 1986-87 :--

(i) Maximisation of productivity in irrigated and rainfed areas.

(ii) Timely, easy and adequate supply of agricultural inputs like technology, seeds fertilisers, implements plants protection chemical and credit etc.

(iii) Increasing the coverage of area under high yielding varieties.

(iv) Production of sufficient seeds of different classes namely, breeders seed, foundation seed and certified seed . so as to cover targeted areas under high yielding varieties.

(v) Implementation alongwith the concurrent monitoring of the national programme like special rice production programme in the eastern States, small and marginal farmers programme, national dryland farming programme, national pulses development programme and